

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02 July 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-3, 6-22, renumbered as 1-2, 3-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Francis J. Maguire on 13 July 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a.) In claim 7, line 17, delete "4,".
- b.) In claim 8, replace the phrase, "according to claim 1" with "according to claim 3".
- c.) In claim 9, replace the phrase, "according to claim 1" with "according to claim 3".
- d.) In claim 11, replace the phrase, "according to claim 1" with "according to claim 3".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant application discloses a method and apparatus for determining the correlation phase between a signal received at a receiver and a replica sequence. A search of prior art records has failed to teach or suggest alone or in combination:

“ method for determining a correlation phase between a signal received from a satellite at a receiver and an available replica sequence comprising using a matched filter to check various correlation phases, said matched filter multiplying samples of said received signal with samples of said replica sequence and summing the resulting products to obtain a correlation value for a specific correlation phase, said method further comprising shifting samples of said received signal and of said available replica sequence relative to each other for each correlation phase which is checked, and using results obtained in the calculations for one correlation phase by said matched filter for calculating a subsequent correlation phase, and determining a current position of said receiver, wherein said received signal comprises a binary sequence, wherein possible values of said binary sequence are +1 and -1, wherein C_i constitutes a determined correlation value for an i^{th} checked correlation phase, wherein N is a length of said binary sequence, wherein x_{j+i} constitutes a j th sample of said received signal for said i^{th} correlation phase, wherein the samples of said replica sequence are not shifted for different correlation phases which are to be checked, wherein r_j constitutes a j th sample of said replica sequence, wherein a set J_+ comprises the indices j for which $(r_j = 1 \ \& \ r_{j-1} = 1) \ \text{OR} \ (r_j = -1 \ \& \ r_{j-1} = -1)$, and wherein a correlation value $C_{i+1} = -C_i - r_0 x_i + r_{N-1} x_{i+N} + \sum_{j \in J_+} 2 * r_j x_{j+i}$ ” as disclosed in claim

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“method for determining a correlation phase between a signal received from a satellite at a receiver and an available replica sequence comprising using a matched filter to check various correlation phases, said matched filter multiplying samples of said received signal with samples of said replica sequence and summing the resulting products to obtain a correlation value for a specific correlation phase, said method further comprising shifting samples of said received signal and of said available replica sequence relative to each other for each correlation phase which is checked, and using results obtained in the calculations for one correlation phase by said matched filter for calculating a subsequent correlation phase, and determining a current position of said receiver, wherein said received signal comprises a binary sequence, wherein possible values of said binary sequence are +1 and -1, wherein C_i constitutes a determined correlation value for an i^{th} checked correlation phase, wherein N is a length of said binary sequence, wherein x_{j+i} constitutes a j^{th} sample of said received signal for said i^{th} correlation phase, wherein the samples of said replica sequence are not shifted for different correlation phases which are to be checked, wherein r_j constitutes a j^{th} sample of said replica sequence, wherein a set J_+ comprises the indices j for which $(r_j = 1 \ \& \ r_{j-1} = -1) \text{ OR } (r_j = -1 \ \& \ r_{j-1} = 1)$, and wherein a correlation value $C_{i+1} = C_i - r_0 x_i + r_{N-1} x_{i+N} - \sum_{j \in J_+} 2 * r_j x_{j+i}$ ” as disclosed in claim 6.

“method for determining a correlation phase between a signal received from a satellite at a receiver and an available replica sequence comprising using a matched filter to check various correlation phases, said matched filter multiplying samples of said received signal with samples of said replica sequence and summing the resulting products to obtain a correlation value for a specific correlation phase, said method further comprising shifting samples of said received

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signal and of said available replica sequence relative to each other for each correlation phase which is checked, and using results obtained in the calculations for one correlation phase by said matched filter for calculating a subsequent correlation phase, and determining a current position of said receiver, wherein said received signal comprises a binary sequence, wherein possible values of said binary sequence are +1 and -1, wherein C_i constitutes a determined correlation value for an i^{th} checked correlation phase, wherein N is a length of said binary sequence, wherein x_{j+i} constitutes a j th sample of said received signal for said i^{th} correlation phase, wherein the samples of said replica sequence are not shifted for different correlation phases which are to be checked, wherein r_j constitutes a j th sample of said replica sequence, wherein a set J_+ comprises the indices j for which $(r_j = 1 \ \& \ r_{j-1} = 1) \text{ OR } (r_j = -1 \ \& \ r_{j-1} = -1)$, wherein a set J_- comprises the indices j for which $(r_j = 1 \ \& \ r_{j-1} = -1) \text{ OR } (r_j = -1 \ \& \ r_{j-1} = 1)$, and wherein a correlation value C_{i+1} for the $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ correlation phase is calculated:

$$C_{i+1} = -C_i - r_0 x_i + r_{N-1} x_{i+N} + \sum_{j \in J_+} 2 * r_j x_{j+i}, \text{ if the size of said set } J_- \text{ is larger than the size of}$$

said set J_+ , and as:

$$C_{i+1} = C_i - r_0 x_i + r_{N-1} x_{i+N} - \sum_{j \in J_-} 2 * r_j x_{j+i}, \text{ if the size of said set } J_+ \text{ is larger than the size of}$$

said J_- as disclosed in claim 7.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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CONCLUSION

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence B Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-3037. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ghayour Mohammad can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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